



WESTMINSTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers

Tuesday - October 26, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Westminster Traffic Commission was called to order by Chairman Hamade on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at 6:08 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, California.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Chairman Hamade led the members of the audience in the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Hamade, Fisher, Robbins and Cruz.

Commissioners Absent: Nguyen.

Staff Present: Adolfo Ozaeta, Civil Engineering Associate; Sergeant Finley, Westminster Police Department; Sonya Radzuik, Westminster Police Department and Veronica Johnson, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Traffic Commission's regular meeting of September 28, 2010 were approved by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Vice Chairman Fisher, with Commissioner Nguyen being absent (4-0).

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

The first item to be considered at this evening's meeting was T.C. 81-100, Request for Parking Restrictions on Edwards Street at Rochelle Avenue (west side of Edwards Street)

T.C. 81-100 Edwards & Rochelle

Sergeant Finley stated he has been with the Police Department for approximately 25 years and will be taking over the Traffic Division including the positions of Sergeant Nye and Lieutenant Collins beginning January 2011. His background entails investigative assignments consisting of homicide, gangs, organized crime, narcotics and SWAT team.

Mr. Ozaeta welcomed Sergeant Tom Finley to the Traffic Commission.

Mr. Ozaeta stated that Mr. Brown, 6262 Abraham Avenue, came to City Hall and met with staff to request an investigation of Rochelle Avenue due to sight visibility concerns. His belief is there is not enough sight distance on the west side of Edwards Street to the north side of Rochelle Avenue to safely perform a left turn maneuver onto Edwards Street. Attention was directed to Exhibit A to focus on subject location. Currently, there is a 50 foot restriction. Staff performed a 5-second corner sight distance analysis to determine the line of sight a vehicle properly stopped would have to clearly and comfortably make their maneuver within 5-seconds. An additional 112 feet would need to be implemented to the north of Rochelle Avenue to meet the requirement.

Exhibit B proposes a less restrictive secondary option for the Commission to consider. This would include an extension of 42 feet at subject location; therefore, residents at 13841, 13831 and 13811 would not be impacted by the removal of parking spaces.

The Westminster Police Department Collision records from 2005 to present revealed 6 reported accidents and 2 of the 6 were attributed to sight visibility.

STAFF'S

RECOMMENDATION

Staff's recommendation was for the Commission to approve the installation of parking restrictions on the west side of Edwards Street for a distance of 42 feet to the north of Rochelle Avenue.

MOTION

Chairman Hamade moved to approve staff's recommendation; seconded by Vice Chairman Fisher.

VOTE

The motion was carried by a 4-0 vote.

T.C. 77-137

Magnolia & McClure

The second item for discussion was T.C. 77-137, Request for parking restrictions on Magnolia Street at McClure Avenue (west side of Magnolia Street).

Mr. Ozaeta explained that Mario Seda, 14312 Janice Street, came to City Hall and met with the Traffic Engineering Division to request an investigation on Magnolia Street at McClure Avenue due to sight visibility concerns.

Attention was directed to Exhibit A to focus on Magnolia Street. The master plan of arterial streets and highways for the county had designated Magnolia Street to be a six

lane facility; unfortunately, it is a 4 lane. At a previous Traffic Commission Meeting, this item was brought forth to the Council and residents in attendance spoke in favor of storing their vehicles at the subject location; therefore, Council motioned against eliminating parking restrictions between Westminster and Hazard.

Mr. Ozaeta gave background on Orange County Traffic Authority. OCTA handles all of the funding in the regions and will withhold funds of City's that are not making a legitimate effort to build their streets out to the master plan. Magnolia Street needs to be extended out as it is the second busiest Street in the City, behind Bolsa Chica.

McClure Avenue is a 45 mph zone and the higher the speed limit is on a street segment, removal of parking restrictions are necessary in order for commuters to have a 5-second comfort distance. The accident report since 2005 revealed 4 accidents and 1 of the 4 was attributed to sight visibility. Staff's analysis of the 5-second corner sight distance would require 124 feet and an additional 43 feet past the driveway. If additional red curb is found necessary, this item can be revisited under the direction of the Commission.

STAFF'S

RECOMMENDATION Staff's Recommendation to install 124 feet of parking restrictions on the west side of Magnolia Street, north of McClure Avenue.

Discussion ensued among the Commission.

MOTION Vice Chairman Fisher moved to approve staff's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Robbins.

VOTE The motion was carried by a 4-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS There were no "New Business" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS There were no "Old Business" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

INFORMATION & REPORTS

Reschedule of the December 28, 2010 meeting to December 21, 2010 was approved by Chairman Hamade.

Ms. Radzuik presented Senate Bill 857, Parking Fine Offset Pursuant to SB 857 which passed October 19, 2010.

Ms. Radzuik explained the County balanced their budget and to offset the court trials, SB 857 was passed authorizing an additional \$3.00 to be applied to parking fines. Effective December 7, 2010, the County and the Courts will receive a total of \$12.50 per citation issued; for that reason, Traffic Division will request for Council to increase the parking fines for an additional \$3.00 in order to offset their costs.

SB 857 is a 3-year temporary surcharge and the provisions will not have a sunset unless the legislature or the budget proposes an extension or repeals on July 1, 2013. The City issues 20,000 - 25,000 citations per year and \$60,750 of the general fund will be lost if tickets are not increased.

**ORAL
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no "Oral Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no "Written Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

**ITEMS
COMMISSIONERS
MAY WISH TO
DISCUSS**

There were no "Items Commissioners may wish to Discuss" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

**ITEMS STAFF MAY
WISH TO DISCUSS**

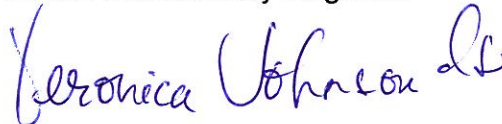
Mr. Ozaeta requested to reschedule the Traffic Management Center Tour for next month due complications of the system.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marwan Youssef
Public Works Director/City Engineer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Veronica Johnson" with a stylized flourish at the end.

By: Veronica Johnson
Secretary